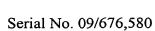In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 7, beginning at line 7 and ending at line 11 as follows:

Referring to Fig. 1, for a detailed discussion of the other elements of the preferred netcentric execution architecture 11, as well as netcentric computing systems 12, refer to co-pending U.S. patent application Serial ~~Number~~ ~~_____ entitled~~ Number 09/676,227 entitled ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS, which was filed on September 29, 2000 and is hereby incorporated by reference, in its entirety.

No fees are believed required for this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees be deemed required, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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